	States/Union Territories	Minimum Wages (Rs./day)
28.'	Tripura	35.00
29.	Uttar Pradesh	4700
30.	West Bengal	48.14 (without meal) 51.34 (without meal)
31.	Pondicherry	19.25 to 43.20

Contribution to Employees State Insurance

161i^^SHRI V.N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the last 19 years from 1977-78 to 1997-98 the contribution of Employees State Insurance to Govemment of Maharashtra for implementation of E.S.I. Scheme has fallen short and the balance share due from the E.S.I. Corporation is now Rs. 24 Crores; and

(b) why the amount has not been paid so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) and (b) Based on the audit report the entire contribution of the ESI Corporation: as admissible under the ESI Scheme has smoe been released to the Government of Maharashtra for the yeats upto 1993-94 and for 1995-96. In respect of 1994-95, an amount of Rs. 50.00 Lakh has been shown as payable. Action to examine this demand of the State Government has been initiated. The Corporation has also made on-account advance pay ment of Rs. 35,60 Crore tor 1996-97, Rs. 44.90 Crore for 1997-98 and Rs. 54.37 Crore for 1998-99 to the Govt, of Maharashtra. The balance payment as adtnissible under the scheme will be made as and when the audit certificates from the Govemment of Maharashtra are received.

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SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

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